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Tour of California Bike Race

The inaugural Amgen Tour of California Bike Race will be held throughout selected portions of the State of California beginning on Monday, February 20, 2006.

The race is scheduled over eight consecutive days and will feature up to 18 professional cycling teams from around the world traveling with associated support vehicles and staff. The event is divided into several stages that differentiate between locations throughout the race course and cover geographical areas from Santa Rosa to Redondo Beach, including Monterey, San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties.

The mission of the California Highway Patrol is to ensure the safe and efficient movement of the racers, the safety of escort personnel, participants and the public. A list of long term closures and possible alternate routes are found below. Signs along with changeable message boards will be used to inform motorists of possible delays.

February 23, 2006

-Highway 1 northbound will be closed from Ragged Point to Monterey from 08:00 am to 2:30 pm.

Alternate Route: Use US 101 between San Luis Obispo and Monterey.

-Highway 1 southbound will experience extreme delays of up to 4 hours from Rio Rd. (Monterey) to Ragged Point from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm.

Alternate Route: Use US 101 between Monterey and San Luis Obispo

February 24, 2006

-Highway 154 (San Marcos Pass) northbound and southbound will be closed between Los Olivos and Santa Barbara from 12:00 pm-3:00 pm.

Alternate Route: Use US 101 between San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara.

-Highway 154, westbound, at State St. will be shut down at 11:45 am for approximately 2 ½ hours.

Alternate Route: Use northbound US 101 in place of Highway 154 (eastbound) to Buellton.

-Cathedral Oaks on ramp to Highway 154, eastbound, will be shut down at 1:00 pm to 1:30 pm.

Alternate Route: Use Turnpike or LaCumbre.

-Southbound US 101, State St. off-ramp will be closed from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm.

Alternate Route: Use US 101 Turnpike or LaCumbre off-ramps.

February 25, 2006

-SR-150 will have closures between the Santa Barbara County line through the City of Santa Paula from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Alternate Route: Use US 101 to SR-33

-SR-118 will be closed at Somis Rd. from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Alternate Route: Use US 101

-Santa Rosa Rd. between Upland Rd. and Olsen Rd. will be closed from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Alternate Route: Use US 101 or SR-26

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